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Help wanted in the Highlands:

Creative solutions needed for public and private sectors to address labour shortage, says Haliburton County CAO

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

This is the first in a series of stories for the Haliburton Echo/Minden Times, which will provide an insight on how a labour shortage is affecting our communities. This story looks at how it's impacting municipalities and the

rippling effect on the tax base.

Last fall, Haliburton County had an opening for a procurement specialist – and in another era the process to fill the position would probably have gone smoothly. The position, which involves sourcing goods and services for municipalities, was going to pay well, offer good working conditions and be

set in beautiful cottage country.

The county found a qualified candidate from outside the area and offered the position, but the candidate declined after not finding housing that met their needs. The county then made an offer to another candidate, who also declined, for a variety of personal reasons, including housing.

As a result, administrators took a step back

and came up with a creative solution. The county is now trying to build a partnership with a neighbouring county who has a senior procurement specialist and is willing to train a more junior specialist who would work in Haliburton County. The county recently re-advertised the job, but cast a wider net, so the right candidate this time didn't have to have

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Transportation challenge is a constant in Highlands

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all the qualifications right away. As of Aug. 9, the county was in the final stages of hiring the new candidate and an announcement on the new hire was expected soon.

The story, which was explained by Haliburton County Chief Administrative Officer Mike Rutter, is an example of hiring in 2022, when a labour shortage is affecting a variety of Canadian industries, including municipalities.

While the shortage of workers in health care is well documented and obvious to understand – given the stress that sector has felt since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic – there’s also evidence that a labour shortage is being felt across various industries. A 2022 survey conducted by the local Workforce Development Board found that 63.6 per cent of businesses said they intend to hire in 2022. Yet 44 per cent of those surveyed said it’s difficult to fill positions, due to a lack of applicants. The survey targeted businesses from a wide cross-section of industries in Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton County. The list included manufacturing, retail, food services and public administration, the field that encompasses Rutter’s type of work.

“In the past, we might have said we want to have qualification A, B, C, and hold firm to that,” Rutter said. “We may now be flexible in that and recognize there will be training.”

Rutter said he used to see about 15 strong applications whenever the county offered a position that required a specific skill set.

Now, he says, there's usually two or three good applications for a position. He believes the trend is the result of the pandemic, the stress of which has accelerated the number of retirements in the powerful baby boom demographic. He also says the process of bringing in a new worker is more complicated than it's ever been, considering that positions require such specific training and employees may now come with specific requests, such as the ability to work remotely.

He's not likely alone in that thought. The Workforce Development Board survey reported that 49 per cent of businesses feel there's a poor availability of qualified workers. The survey also reported 41 per cent of business saying COVID-19 had a significant negative impact on their business.

This problem has vast consequences. In the Haliburton County case, not having a procurement specialist, whose job is to find savings for municipalities as they purchase goods and services, impacts the county's budget and, in turn, residents' tax commitments.

Rutter said the county's service delivery review plan calls for nearly \$1 million in savings, based on having someone in that position working on collaborative procurement.

And while Rutter has to worry about ensuring municipal positions are filled so taxpayers are getting bang for their buck, he also realizes that he and his colleagues must also support the private businesses in the community.

When asked how concerned he is for them, he said “very,”

knowing that if a labour shortage is impacting their operations, they're not likely meeting their revenue potentials and not contributing as much to the tax base, meaning the residential taxpayer is shouldering higher costs.

Rutter believes there's no one magic solution to the labour shortage for the private sector in a rural area, but transportation is an issue that always come up in Haliburton County.

He touted a new program, which the country recently financially backed, hoping it will lead to more people accessing the training they need to enter the workforce. The program involved the leasing of an eight-person van and the hiring of a driver, who picks up people from their Haliburton-area homes and takes them to training programs run out of the SIRCH (Supportive Initiative for Residents in the County of Haliburton) office in the village. The hope is that people in remote, rural areas will have access to training and will eventually work in fields such as hospitality, retail and carpentry, where there's demand for workers.

Rutter also knows, from the procurement specialist situation, that a lack of available housing in the region, is also linked to a lack of available workers.

He said he and his colleagues at the county have discussed the idea of either purchasing property or taking property it owns and converting it into housing, which could be rented out to new county employees on a short-term basis. The idea is that, if they take a job here, they'll have a place they can stay at right away and until they've found their own place to live. That might limit the potential of a repeat of what happened in the fall, but it could be tough to pull off, he pointed out.

"We're not spending our own money, we're spending taxpayer money so we want to do it well if we do it," he said.

He emphasized that to address the labour shortage both in the public and private sectors, the county and its partners will have to continue to look at creative solutions. Internally, the county is now considering different opportunities for recruiting and retaining staff, such as allowing them to work longer shifts, in exchange for a weekday off or allowing employees to spend some days working at home.

He also acknowledged there's silver linings in the issue. He knows a new generation of employees may be able to enter the workforce without the limitations that many other generations have faced.

Plus, he sees the story of what happened with the procurement specialist job as a potential opportunity to find a local person, interested in a career in municipal work. When a rural business has to hire a position with a specific skill, they may not always have a local candidate. But Rutter thinks, with the position now advertised with fewer specific requirements, he might be able to find an unexpected home-grown employee, who turns out to be well worth the investment.

"I say to my staff all the time, 'let's find people who love Haliburton County,'" he said. "We'd love to give those opportunities and training to local people. They may be in the county already and waiting for that opportunity."

New Lab Confirmed Cases Reported Today

7	61	50	120 *
Haliburton	Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	Total

Note: *County of residence may be pending for some cases but are included in the overall Health Unit total; Lab confirmed cases include only those confirmed with a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test by an appropriate laboratory; Positive results from Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are NOT included in the number of cases of COVID-19 reported to or by the Health Unit.

**Current Outbreaks
of COVID-19
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COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022

County	CSDNAME	Active cases (current)	Total 2022 cases	Rate	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
Haliburton	Minden Hills	0	102	1541.48	84	18	3	2
Haliburton	Dysart et al	6	197	2888.56	137	60	8	3
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	1	28	1106.28	28	0	1	0
Haliburton	Highlands East	0	52	1478.53	47	5	1	1
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	60	3021	3712.76	2,012	1,009	77	27
Northumberland	Cramahe	3	179	2772.19	161	18	8	2
Northumberland	Almwick/Haldimand	6	246	3127.38	220	26	7	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	3	253	2065.47	224	29	6	0
Northumberland	Brighton	9	366	2892.14	324	42	15	3
Northumberland	Port Hope	18	433	2487.79	306	127	7	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	3	555	4155.12	297	258	18	5
Northumberland	Cobourg	8	724	3551.46	451	273	21	3
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	117	6156	3219.19	4,291	1,865	172	50

Notes: Cases with an unknown or missing geography are excluded from the table above. Municipality (Statistics Canada's census subdivisions) is assigned by Postal Code, via Statistics Canada's Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF) using the single link identifier. A single postal code may physically exist within more than one municipality but is only assigned to one municipality through the PCCF file. The county of Kawartha Lakes is a single-upper tier municipality and does not contain lower-tier municipalities like Haliburton County and Northumberland County.

Reported COVID cases

This COVID-19 Dashboard information is provided by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. The number of COVID-19 cases reported on this page includes only lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19, hospitalizations and ICU admissions due to COVID-19, and deaths related to COVID-19, occurring since Jan. 1, 2022 among residents who resided in the HKPRDHU region at the time they were identified as a case. This information is accurate as of Wednesday, Aug. 3. Updates are made every Wednesday.

Kegel purchases Barker Heating and Cooling

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

After 47 years of service to Haliburton County, Barker Heating and Cooling is closing its doors.

The long-time heating contractor sold their business to Kegel Heating and Cooling with the deal closing on Aug. 2.

Steve Barker, former owner and manager of Barker Heating and Cooling, decided to sell the business to prepare for retirement in the coming years.

"I'm quite happy to be getting out. I've done my time. It'll be nice to be here and still be working for a couple years minimum. I would like to thank all of my customers for their years of business and support and to let them know that Kegel's will take great care of them."

Barker will be staying on for the next two years, and three of his HVAC service staff are now Kegel employees.

Owner and president of Kegel Heating and Cooling, Tim Kegel, said, "I worked with Steve for four or five years about 20 years ago at Barker Heating and Cooling. We had a pretty close relationship. I wouldn't have wanted to buy any other business."

The decision to purchase Barker Heating and Cooling came from a need for skilled employees.

"The biggest factor in purchasing Barker's is that it's really hard to find trained people in the HVAC trade up here. I knew by taking Barker's over, I would get the skills from his experience and his workers' experience. You could get someone from the city who has 20 years of experience, but they could only have experience in one area of the services we offer," Kegel said.

Kegel also explained why Barker chose to approach him about the desire to sell.

"It's hard to sell a family-run company, especially up here, because nobody wants to buy since the owners usually wear 10 different hats. It's a really hard sell, so Steve approached me a while ago about it, and we made it work so that it would work for both of us."

Kegel has not purchased Barker's property, so the new employees will work from Kegel's newly-built 12,000 square-foot building.

In their newly-built warehouse, Kegel Heating and Cooling has a board room to be able to bring in factory-authorized trainers to train rather than sending employees to the city.

"With having more employees, we can offer more training in-house. We also help pay to get some of the young guys' training that come here," he said.

Barker's late father, Don Barker, owned and operated their business from 1975 to 2000 when Steve took over as manager. In 2009, Steve bought the company from his parents.



Tim Kegel, left, recently purchased Barker Heating and Cooling, with previous owner, Steve Barker, right, joining the team at Kegel Heating and Cooling. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

"We're getting all of Steve's knowledge, and that compiled with our knowledge, we'll be the most experienced HVAC company in the Haliburton Highlands area. As the company grows, we'll be able to service customers better with a larger employee base," Kegel said.

Another reason for expansion was the high demand of HVAC services that was influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There were a lot of people up here that were building during the pandemic. I think Muskoka is getting saturated, and it's just getting too expensive to buy property and build out there, so people are moving this way. Also, being able to work remotely, people are selling their places in the city and renovating places up here. Year after year we're growing, and every year is better than the last. The last two years have been the best two years ever," Kegel said.

"We'd like to thank the community supporting us to grow to the point where we can make a move like this and assure Barker customers that we will take as good a care of them as Steve," Kegel said.

Correction

From the *Minden Times* Wednesday, Aug. 3 edition, Isabella was incorrectly assigned first place for winning the winner eight and under girls swimming at the Gull Lake Regatta. Sarah Bursey won the race.

Correction

In the article *Huskies unveil new roster with new captain and starting goalie* in the July 20 issue of the *Minden Times* it reported Ryan Hall is not on the Huskies because he was sent to another league to play. Hall has chosen to pursue a career in firefighting and with the demands of Junior A hockey this was not going to be possible. Since his decision, Hall was asked to play for a team in Junior C hockey, which is less demanding so he can receive training and play hockey.

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September 8 – Regular Council Meeting

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Return of the greatest spectacle for Haliburton County

by **GRACE OBORNE**
Special to the Times

The most sold-out show for Minden Pride week returns this year for a night of dancing, sing-a-longs, and more.

Viva Burlesque is one of the most successful shows in Haliburton County. The sold-out Burlesque Ball will take place on the last weekend of Pride week at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Friday Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Minden Pride is a volunteer-driven and non-profit organization in Haliburton County. Every August, Minden Pride hosts their annual week-long festival with many different events to celebrate the diversity of Haliburton County's community. The first time Viva Burlesque was held for Pride Week in Minden was in 2019 and it had an overwhelming success.

"The last time it was done was in 2019, and it was a huge success then. It sold out quite quickly and people just really, really, really had a lot of fun and enjoyed the quality of performances, which were incredible. We wanted to do it again and we're really hoping that we could replicate that the last time. That's what we're going to do," chair of the Minden Pride Committee, Allan Guinan said.

The co-owner of Russell Red Records in Haliburton and organizer of Viva Burlesque, Collin Burke, says that the whole experience was an enjoyable surprise, encouraging the show to come back for another time.

"That last time we did it ... it was just like, on a wing and a prayer. Nobody knew what we were doing, and everything went incredibly well. So, this year fingers crossed, everything goes as great as last time."

Drag shows are typically staged in night-



This year, Viva Burlesque returns for Minden Pride week. The event will feature local performers, some of Toronto's biggest stars in the drag scene, and new, exciting surprises. /Submitted.

clubs or Gay Pride festivals. Drag queens, who are men dressed in women's clothes and makeup, perform before an audience often with upbeat dancing and music.

Tickets for Burlesque are available exclusively from Russell Red Records, at \$45 per person. One can purchase their ticket either in person at 173A Highland Street in Haliburton, or online.

The popular show will be hosted by Carlotta Carlisle, with performances from famous Toronto drag stars including, Katrinka Kature, Perla, Vitality Black, and local star, the beloved Plum Vicious.

About 14 years ago, Plum Vicious was the

first to perform a drag show in Minden to start breaking down barriers.

"I was the first person to drag up here, moons ago. It's kind of been a thing of breaking down barriers in the neighborhood here. Performing is fun, but it's more just making people aware that not everybody necessarily maybe seems how they look. There is always a surprise in the closet," Plum Vicious said.

A local hairdresser and entrepreneur by day, Plum Vicious has been performing not only in Haliburton County, but across Canada for more than 25 years. She grew up in Minden, moved to Toronto, then eventually found herself back in Minden. She also

has story times where she reads to children at libraries in the local area. There, she is known as Auntie Plum.

Plum Vicious was inspired to enter the world of drag from her love of theatre and her daytime jobs of hairstyling and costuming.

"I've been doing drag for years and years, so for me, I got into it just as a creative outlet. You know, it is basically theatre really. It's just theatre with a twist. I was also doing hair and costuming and that sort of thing, so I was doing a lot of Queens stuff, but just wasn't really doing it myself, until I was."

During a week like Minden Pride, the Viva Burlesque event plays a crucial part in the meaning of it all. Drag, though fun, is a form of expression Guinan said.

"From my perspective, drag is just about a free expression. It's just allowing people to express themselves in a creative and interesting manner. We want that for everyone, [and not just people who] want to perform and drag, but for people who want to be able to dress how they want to dress, live how they want to live, and love who they want to love. Drag demonstrates that idea just in a bigger, flashier form," said Guinan.

For Plum Vicious, performing is exciting and fun. Her favourite part of drag is its uniqueness.

"I would say my favourite part is just expressing differently than how I would express in the shop or express just walking down the street. It just gives me a different avenue. Drag can sometimes be that ultimate way to find a bit of escapism into the ability to express yourself in a way that you wouldn't typically be able to. You know, for me, it's just about having fun too."

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Bowl for Kids' Sake is back with a splash

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Grab your favourite pool attire, a group of friends, and head over to the Fast Lane Bowling alley, located at 12281 Highway 35 in Minden on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to raise funds to support youth mentorship in the Haliburton County.

Bowl for Kids' Sake, a fundraiser event for Big Brothers and Big Sisters (BBBS) of Kawartha Lakes – Haliburton's mentoring programs, is returning after a two-year hiatus.

"Over the last two years we have experienced an increase in demand for our service throughout the County of Haliburton. We are working to increase services we provide. This summer we are offering a Ready for High School program in August at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. With the funds raised at Bowl for Kids' Sake, we hope to expand our In School Mentoring Program to schools throughout the area," said BBBS of Kawartha Lakes – Haliburton executive director Janice Balfour in a press release for the event.

BBBS mentoring programs are designed to help children and youth in need of an additional supportive relationship and pairs them with a volunteer adult mentor.

Rawn Moore has been a BBBS mentor in Haliburton County a number of years.

"Mentoring? Fabulous. If you have the chance to do it, you should do it. It is very rewarding, and I feel very fortunate with the matches I've had over the years, and the one I have now I've had for nine or 10 years. I think mentoring is a very important role, and kids have to know that they have a place that they can go to talk it out," Rawn said.

Prizes will be awarded to those wearing the best pool attire as well as those who received the most pledges.

"Dress up in whatever you'd wear to your pool party, and we'll have fun prizes for best team costume and best individual costume. We have lots of room for lots of people to sign up still," Balfour said.

Each team must raise a minimum of \$40 in pledges per



One of Bowl for Kids' Sake's past themes was "Disney." The event is a fundraiser event for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes - Haliburton's mentoring programs. /Photo submitted

team member, and BBBS of Kawartha Lakes – Haliburton has a goal to raise \$15,000.

Balfour said, "Typically it was done in the winter, but we wanted to try it in the summer this year to see if we could get some more visitors and make it a little bit of a bigger event this year."

Balfour said Bowl for Kids' Sake has been a signature event for BBBS Canada for more than 40 years.

Chiara Moore, event and community engagement coordinator for BBBS of Kawartha Lakes – Haliburton, said there

will be a silent auction at the event featuring items donated by local Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes businesses.

"We have signed celebrity memorabilia, mainly athletics, and then we also have tickets donated by Peterborough Liftlock Cruises that will be going into our silent auction," Chiara said.

Participants can register teams of four or six up until the day of the event at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/big-brothers-big-sisters-of-kawartha-lakes-haliburton-inc/p2p/BFKSH2022.

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Kindness does matter

LIFE CAN be difficult. Sure, I live in a country where there is a stable government and our infrastructure is sound for the most part. I recognize certain groups of people in this country have it more difficult than others for a variety of reasons, but it's pretty good in Canada.

Challenges face everyone and I believe kindness goes a long way to ease the stress and anxiety people feel, whether it's for friends, family, loved ones, but also co-workers, bosses and strangers.

I grew up in a time when hard work, commitment and putting your head down and pushing past and through adversity was the typical course of action despite how you felt.

This approach to life was ingrained into me at an early age.

I don't remember it ever really said to me in one sentence – a few idioms were definitely thrown my way though, but it was clear life wasn't going to hand me anything unless I put my nose to the grindstone, feelings be damned.

I'm not going to complain about how my upbringing was wrong. I believe my close to 20 year career in journalism is attributed in large part to the approach I was taught (for it was the best my parents knew). However, I believe there is room to include kindness, compassion and sensitivity when interacting with others. What does it really cost us to show and feel for others, who may serve us in whatever capacity, whether it's at a restaurant, hardware store, or the hospital?

Living through (and for the most part an ongoing) pandemic has taught us it's okay to say we're struggling and we need help. A pandemic, which has become a global news event, that affects millions around the world similarly provides us a shared understanding like never before except for possibly the Second World War. If

we can't empathize with others now, when can we?

Besides the struggles of the pandemic, whether it's social and physical isolation, there are the daily challenges that some face. From making enough money to feed a family and deciding on whether to pay for rent or for heating a home to grieving the loss of aging parents, who suffer from dementia. We don't know why someone is showing anger to us. Sometimes all they need is someone to listen, to show they matter and show someone still cares with a little kindness. This could be in the form

of patience or in someone simply asking 'How can I help you?' An answer may not come, but the question could be the tipping point for someone that needs it at a critical time in their life.

Lastly, kindness isn't just for the stranger, or even the loved ones in our lives.

It's also important we are kind to ourselves. It's easy

to be your own worst critic. We can be our own worst enemy and get down on ourselves for making a mistake, which could be at work, with family, and with loved ones. Repressing these feelings of inadequacies only harms us and can manifest itself in a myriad of negative ways for everyone around.

I heard someone explained the concept of working through our emotional struggles with the idea of a Chinese finger puzzle and how trying to pull your fingers out, makes it tighter, which is representative of what happens when we don't engage with our feelings, which only makes the stress and anxiety greater. However, push your fingers together and the puzzle relaxes. A visual representation of when we can engage with our feelings we can ease the tension.

I used to be a person that looked for the diversions, but it didn't serve me or the people around me. Am I perfect or even an example to follow? Far from it, but I'm working on being kind to myself so I can be the best I can be for others. And I'm happy with that.

**DARREN LUM**
Editor

Kwarky



"Do you want to swipe left or right?"

Bows and errors

ISPENT THIS morning, and pretty well every morning for the last two weeks, shooting my recurve and long bows. This is something I always do this time of year to prepare myself for the upcoming hunting seasons. I will not hunt with a traditional bow if I have not practiced diligently. That's because to shoot a traditional bow well, you need to develop good, consistent form – and rock-solid confidence.

Also, traditional archery, and all archery for that matter, requires an incredible amount of mental focus to make the most of each shot. If your mental process is distracted by the slightest thing, your shot won't go where it should.

That's why I liken shooting a traditional bow to yoga. It's all about form and mental focus – but, thankfully for all those who have seen me shoot, this happens without the yoga pants.

That thought actually crossed my mind this morning and, luckily, I was between shots when it did.

In hindsight, I think I was onto something.

You see, I have never been much for archery contests – partly because I am not as good at dealing with distraction as most of the people competing in them. I can focus just fine, if I am alone on my home range or in the woods during a hunt. But put a bunch of shooters and spectators around me and I have the focus of a springer spaniel puppy standing between three mud puddles.

This has been the primary reason I have avoided even informal competition, even though that sort of pressure is generally considered good for a shooter. I believe that too. But I also believe, if you are always

losing, it isn't good for your confidence. And confidence is key.

Now that I have made the connection between archery and yoga, however, I think I have found a way to make the most of this conundrum. Next time I am invited to shoot in an archery tournament, I will arrive wearing yoga pants.

Visual benefits aside, this will introduce two new things to the tournament: First, it will cause many competitors to leave the field immediately, especially if they just consumed a meal. Second, it will provide a significant distraction to those who remain.

Why you ask? Well, first off, I suspect I will not look good in yoga pants. In fact, I will probably present one of those visual images a person cannot unsee. After all, I am a 60-year-old man and lululemon has never marketed to my demographic for good reason.

Of course, all that might change after I win a few tournaments. Because, if that happens, it is very likely the fiercest male competitors in

the sport, will probably start wearing yoga pants too.

Those guys will do anything to win.

Fortunately, by the time that happens, I will have won several tournaments and perhaps even left an indelible psychological scar upon those I competed against. Partly because I will insist upon walking ahead of the group when it comes time to collect arrows from the targets. And, if the competition does get tough, I can always consider wearing one size too small.

I honestly think wearing yoga pants will even the playing field and give me a much better chance at winning. OK, maybe that's a bit of a stretch ...

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Beauty in a marshland

I WAS HAVING one of those bad days that everyone has. Hot water tank gave out, thunder storm took out satellite service and a boat flying a flag with an obscenity for the prime minister raced along the shoreline for all the young swimmers to see.

(COVID seems to have robbed some people of any small bits of intelligence they might have possessed. Many of us dislike Trudeau but intelligent protests are done at the ballot box, not with obscene language in public).

At any rate, it had been a heavily depressing day so I took a walk to a favourite place in the woods. There's a marsh there, almost 100 per cent covered with lily pads and their spectacular star-like blooms.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

It was early evening and I noticed the pure white blooms with their yellow centres appeared shrunk-en; not widely open and smiling at the sky as they do on sunny mornings.

Then it struck me: here was another important lesson from Mother Nature, the greatest of all teachers.

Water lilies wake up in the morning, spreading their petals wide to take in whatever the day has to offer. It may be happy sunshine or rain and ripping winds, but they accept it all and go about their business of providing food to beaver and moose, shelter to fish and pollination for the ecosystem. And, of course, calming beauty to an increasingly frenetic world.

In late afternoon or early evening they fold their petals, closing the book on the day's events. Then they rest, recharging their energy for when morning light opens their blooms for another day.

Like many things in nature, the water lily is smarter than we humans. It knows when to close down and recharge, and when to open a new chapter. Tomorrow is another day.

Too often, humans don't know when to stop. We push ahead with tasks and disputes without taking time out to pause, reconsider and regroup.

Water lilies are magical. They grow out of the mud several feet below the water's surface, producing waxy pads that float on the water's surface. The flowers produce seeds that sink to the pond's bottom and produce new growth.

There are several dozen species of water lilies growing around the world in different sizes and different colours. Ones found in the Amazon can have flowers 100 to 200 centimetres (three to six feet) in width and pads that can hold as much as 30 kilograms (66 pounds).

Water lilies have spiritual significance in some cultures. In Buddhism and Hinduism the lilies symbolize resurrection because the petals close at night and reopen in the morning, similar to spiritual rebirth.

Buddhists also believe that the water lily represents enlightenment because its beautiful blooms emerge from the darkness of a muddy pond bottom. There is an Egyptian creation story that says the Sun God, the earth's creator, emerged from a primordial water lily and banished the darkness.

It is hard to think of another flower that has been more drawn, painted or photographed than the water lily. There are tens of thousands of water lily photos to be seen through books, magazines and online.

Claude Monet, the famous French impressionist, produced a series of 250 water lily oil paintings over a 12-year period. They depict the flower gardens at his home in Giverny, a village in northern France.

His water lily paintings are wildly popular and sell for millions whenever one is put to auction. One of the paintings auctioned in 2014 brought in \$54 million U.S. dollars

Vincent Van Gough, another famous artist, is not known to have spent a lot of time painting water lilies. However, he produced a pen-pencil drawing of water lilies in a pond when he was young and deciding whether to become an artist

Water lilies do not seem to have caught the eye of writers as much as they have of painters. However, the Turkish writer Mehmet Murat Ildan has written a line that captures the essence of this wonderful plant:

"In a marshland amongst the crocodiles, there float beautiful water lilies! Even in the Hell, one can find the good and the beauty."

letters to the editor

Trust comes from transparency

To the Editor,

Members of Haliburton's environmental community noted in letters to local media as early as July 21, that the shoreline preservation bylaw would be on the agenda for the Aug. 10 special meeting of council, with a vote expected.

It is concerning that this group has so much knowledge of the agenda, so far in advance of the meeting. In response to repeated requests to councillors and staff, the agenda was finally released to the public on the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 5.

This was almost three days earlier than council's normal practice, which is to only make information available to the public 48 hours before meetings. With just two substantive issues on the table for this meeting, the agenda packet runs to 130 pages, so there's a lot to read through.

Several times over the past year when important, complex and, at times, fairly technical issues such as the shoreline bylaw have been on the Haliburton County Council agenda, ratepayer groups and individuals have had to scramble to read the materials, analyze proposals and provide input to their councillors in less than two days.

Providing such limited notice is a head shaker, particularly when some groups seem to have preferred access to the agenda, and raises questions about transparency, whether taxpayers are being properly consulted and their input valued.

We call on Haliburton County officials to consistently communicate council's business as transparently and with as much notice as possible to generate the highest quality input from all perspectives and all members of the community.

Whatever our views, everyone deserves equal access to relevant information and a fair opportunity to provide reasoned input on significant changes – whether broad-brush proposals or detailed elements.

One of Haliburton's most distinctive and special features is our sense of community. We ask councillors and staff to facilitate and encourage fair and open discussion among all constituencies. Providing transparency would produce greater trust and confidence in the county's governance and result in better public policy.

Tayce Wakefield
Little Kennisis Lake

Be courageous, vote down bylaw

To the Editor,

At Haliburton County Council's April 27 meeting, six of eight councillors indicated they'd prefer final consideration of the contentious shoreline preservation bylaw be deferred to the incoming post-election council (so that it could be discussed during the election).

However, there are indications that some councillors may try – yet again – to pass the bylaw at council's Aug. 10 Special Meeting.

We urge this lame duck council (only half of whom are running again this October) to suspend significant policy decisions for the balance of their term and follow the April 27 council consensus that the shoreline issue be discussed in the upcoming municipal elections, and voted on by the next council.

Groups such as the Haliburton Waterfront Owners (www.haliburtonwaterfrontowners.ca), which represents over 500 waterfront property owners in the county have made numerous thoughtful submissions to council on this issue.

We continue to stress that the bylaw is ineffective. It will do nothing to restore the shoreline on the one-third of Haliburton lakes that have been

significantly deforested – often decades ago.

It does not address the single biggest risk to our water quality – poorly functioning septic systems. If county councillors were serious about improving water quality, they would implement rigorous septic inspection programs, such as the one Dysart introduced several years ago.

The bylaw also fails to address fertilizer use near the shoreline, which is another major risk to water quality.

Council can easily set additional shoreline limits on new lots. But rather than abrogating existing property rights without compensation, why not follow common practice and grandfather current legislation on existing properties.

If council is indeed voting on the bylaw as drafted, we hope that they will have the courage to democratically vote it down and allow the next council to include measures that would actually enhance our water quality.

Dave Bright
Haliburton Waterfront Owners
Haliburtonwaterfrontowners.ca

HCPL's Jr. Book of the Month - August



"My bones are fragile. I'm not."

Olive is sick and tired of being treated like glass just because she has osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease). She just wants to do all the normal things a 12-year-old girl does. Go to school. Hang out. Make friends. Perpetually homeschooled, Olive is ecstatic when her parents finally allow her to attend fifth grade at Macklemore Elementary, sure this is the key to everything she's been missing.

A disastrous first day proves otherwise. Apparently, fitting in isn't as easy as she imagined.

If only Olive could catch the magical, wish-granting hummingbird, the one that everyone says lives near Macklemore, which could be the answer to resolving her problems ... They say, if you're worthy, it'll make your deepest wish come true!

Desperate to try, Olive quickly learns that this is a quest she may need some help completing. Will Olive learn the elusive truth about the hummingbird? Will she get her greatest wish? Check

out Natalie Lloyd's *Hummingbird* from HCPL today and find out!

Into the swing of things

Team four's Tanner Hamilton drops the head of the bat just before connecting for a homerun during the Minden Mixed Slo-Pitch League game between team's four and nine on Thursday, July 21 in Minden. Although team four beat nine with a mix of power and timely hitting, both teams finished with a good night at the diamond. /DARREN LUM Staff



Centrefielder Justin Burke of team nine gets the throw into the cutoff player after fielding a ball at the wall.



Team nine's pitcher Brian Rivard delivers a pitch.



Daniel Borg barrels up a ball for an extra-base hit.

Skyline is inspired by youth's passion

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

The bonds created by a shared love of dance will remain strong in the Highlands thanks to the opening of Skyline Dance Studio.

The not-for-profit studio was dreamed about by the parents of Haliburton Dance Academy dancers after they learned of the closing of the studio.

"In May 2022, I found out my daughter's local dance studio was closing, and I said to my husband, I either need to buy a bus or open a dance studio here in Haliburton County. Either way, these kids needed to stay together. I instinctively knew I could lead a project such as this, and I knew there would be immense support to keep dance local. So far, the support has far exceeded my greatest hope," said executive director of Skyline Dance Studio Allison Cox.

The studio will be located at 229 Highland Street between Castle Antiques and Pet Value and will feature three large studios and other common spaces for dancers and their families to use.

Cox worked with the Haliburton County Development Corporation to decide what type of business the studio should be, and they decided on a not-for-profit organization.

"We want everything we pour into this studio to be reinvested in the studio, and we want to be sure this is a legacy that can be carried on for years to come," Cox said.

Sarah Garbutt is part of the board of women who organized the studio, and her daughter, Rayah, is a dancer.

"Rayah can't go one second without dancing, and she was thrilled when she was told about this plan. She even told me she was proud of me and the other moms," Garbutt said. "The studio is where she feels safe, and she will go through public and high school and life changes with all of these kids, and they have a special bond."

The studio currently has a board of eight local women who bring a variety of experience to the table.

"Some own and run businesses, some work in non-profits,



Skyline Dance Studio dancers performed on Highland Street at Midnight Madness on Friday, July 29. /DARREN LUM Staff

some work for local businesses, and many have experience sitting on other not-for-profit boards in Haliburton County. It is a great blend of experience coming together with passion and dedication to accomplish this goal. Beyond this group, we have dozens of community members, individuals, and businesses that have offered support with time, money, and materials," Cox said.

The studio is developing portfolios of their dance teachers and will be announcing them in the next few weeks.

"We are doing this for our community and the families of Haliburton County. Dance is so important for kids. Not only is it good for physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being, but it also creates amazing friendships and instills a sense of

community that will last a lifetime," Cox said.

The studio will offer ballet, pointe, jazz, hip-hop, acro, tap, musical theatre, lyrical, contemporary, and power and grace dance classes for ages two to 18 years old, and registration will open in August. Email info@skylinedancestudio.ca to be added to their list. Classes begin in October.

"The importance [of this studio] to me is knowing there is a place for my daughter and the other kids to dance. Thinking we may have had to go out of town was not an option. We have to teach our kids to also be involved within the community and go to events and teach them to be amazing humans," Garbutt said.

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Teen’s courage at heart of achievement



Jocelyn Winter earns title at the Miss Teenage Canada pageant

by GRACE OBORNE
Special to the Times

Highlands teen Jocelyn Winter has seen her life change in the last two months since she’s pushed past self-imposed boundaries.

On a whim, without hesitation, the 17-year-old decided that she would enter the Miss Teenage Canada pageant.

Having done nothing like this before, Jocelyn joined other teenage girls in the regional pageant event in Markham on June 11 and 12. She finished the pageant as a finalist and was officially crowned as Miss Teenage Haliburton County.

For Jocelyn, the decision to enter the pageant was instantaneous and unlike her.

Seventeen-year-old, Jocelyn Winter, took a giant leap right out of her comfort zone as she participated in the Miss Teenage Canada pageant. After only deciding one week before the pageant started to enter, Winter was crowned Miss Teenage Haliburton County. /Submitted.




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“I’ve always been ... not much of a people person. I usually only have a small group of friends and I never put myself out there. I guess I was just ready to push myself out of my comfort zone and speak in front of people. I wanted to actually stand on a stage without freaking out and running off,” Jocelyn said.

Jocelyn’s father, Jarett Winter, was also pleasantly surprised to see how determined Jocelyn was to face her fear and try something new.

“She really came out of her comfort zone and just got right out there, and just stepped right [in]. I was like, ‘wow.’ I just couldn’t believe it,” Jarett said.

The regional pageant weekend was unfamiliar to Jocelyn. The sequence of events for a pageantry was a routine she never thought she’d witness and experience.

“It was hectic. Rehearsals started at nine in the morning and went the entire day. Just learning how to walk in heels, learning all the poses and just everything that you need to know in order to get up on the stage and not make a fool of yourself,” Jocelyn said.

“After rehearsal, you sleep, then you go back at nine in the morning, again the next day to do more rehearsing before the night of the pageant. There are coaches, hair, makeup, and just a lot going on. Then, the pageant started at 7:30.”

Pageant contestants were asked to have a platform. A platform in pageantry is how one can stand out from other contestants. In this case, Jocelyn and the other girls were not scored on their platform.

Jocelyn’s platform is about bullying. It is important to her as it is something that hits rather close to home. She was the victim of bullying in school by three students last year.

“I ended up staying out of school for a few weeks because of that. I couldn’t handle people staring at me or whispering about me. You know, most teenagers or even children go through [bullying] a lot, to the point where they end up taking their own lives because it gets so bad. And I don’t like seeing that,” Jocelyn said.

The bullying that Jocelyn endured is ultimately what inspired her to find the courage to try something new.

“I couldn’t understand why it was her that had to go through it, but I guess these things happen. She dealt with it well and it’s why she came out of our comfort zone,” Jarett said.

Within the Miss Teenage Canada pageant, there were about 20 teenagers between the ages of 13 and 18. Then, there were also 30 Miss Worlds, which are adults ranging from the ages of 19 to mid-20s.

Jocelyn was proud to be named a finalist and crowned as Miss Teenage Haliburton County.

“I was not expecting that at all. I was so shocked and surprised. I almost ended up crying before I even stepped on the stage to get the crown, but it was just a very surprising moment. I never thought that I would be crowned to go to the national event, because I have never done this before,” she said.

An opportunity like the pageant has opened doors to many other possibilities for Jocelyn. She is not only more confident, but she has also landed her first job opportunity.

“After this, I’m actually ready to talk to more people, and because of the pageant, I actually got a job at Somerset Lakeside Resort in Cardiff. I just clean hotel rooms, I serve guests and actually take their orders and talk to them too. I’m able to speak to people and not just cower away and run to a corner.”

Jarett is excited for Jocelyn and expresses that pageants have benefits for young girls who want to begin exploring new opportunities in the workforce.

“This is good for teenage girls to get out there and to step right into the workforce, and to get you brought into life,” he said.

Jocelyn will attend the Miss Teenage Canada week-long nationals from Aug. 15 to Aug. 20 in Toronto.

Jocelyn’s advice for other young girls is they should find something that will push them but will also provide confidence and happiness.

“I would tell them to find something that they might be interested in. Even if it’s something in front of a lot of people and they don’t like speaking or standing on a stage. Just find something that’s small, and just push through your fear. Because as soon as you do, you’ll love doing what it is, all the worries and fears go away, and you just fall into the moment.”



Residents on Kashagawigamog Lake, Fred and Sandy Brown, showcase their woodworking talents during the summer event, Kash Art on the Water. Their crafts became a retirement hobby to have something to do in the winter.



Over at Kate's Burger Counter in Ingoldsby, many different musicians and bands played music throughout the day for individuals stopping for food.

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Waking up the senses

Allison Barrow, cottager on Kashagawigamog Lake, and member of the organizing committee for Kash Art, displays her watercolour artwork on Saturday, Aug. 7. She started painting with watercolours in 2015. /GRACE OBORNE Special to the Times



Best friends and neighbours, Louise and Nicki, sold their off loom jewelry to customers at the Bonnieview Inn. The duo started their creative journey about six years ago.

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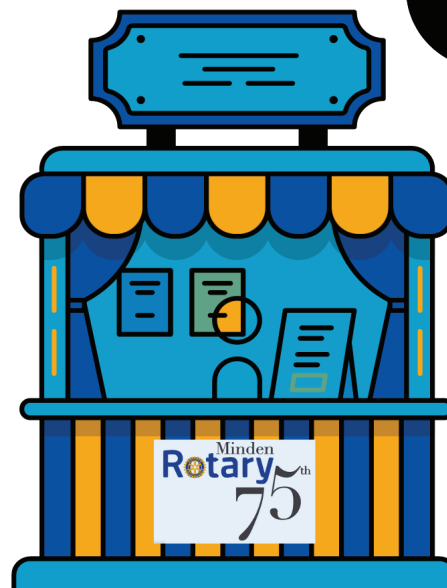
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Learn about saving seeds with HCPL workshop

“Hey, try these bean seeds. My family has been growing them for over 100 years.”
The wizened pods didn’t look like much, but they represented a tradition that has been passed on for millennia.

Gardeners have been storing and sharing seeds for more than 10,000 years. This has given them the opportunity to ensure there will be seed for the following year and preserve varieties that suit the personal tastes of the gardeners, and the soil and climate of the gardens.

In recent years, there has been a significant decline in the variety of vegetable seeds available. Agri-business has crept into the seed market, and today just four companies control 60 per cent of the seed sales world wide. Over the past 70 years the seed varieties available to gardeners has dropped by more than 90 per cent.

The pandemic has led to increased prices and shortages of seed, and many gardeners have been frustrated by late-delivery and sold-out varieties in their orders.

Saving seed from your garden doesn’t require a lot of knowledge or special equipment. By following a few steps, you can save seed for your own use and sharing with fellow gardeners.

Select suitable varieties. All vegetables and herbs produce seed, but some are more suitable for saving. Tomatoes, beans, peas, peppers, cucumbers, corn and squash top the list. Be sure to plant open-pollinated varieties



Home gardeners can easily save a wide variety of vegetable, herb and flower seeds for their own use or sharing.

and avoid hybrid (F-1 or F-2) types, as these will not produce offspring that are true to the parent plant.

Choose the best sample for saving seeds. The vegetable, herb or flower that you choose for seed should be free of disease and well-formed. Leave it on the plant until completely dry, or in the case of tomatoes, super-ripe. The longer the seed is on the plant, the more energy it will store for growth.

Collect and dry the seeds. Different types of plants require slightly different tech-

niques, but generally, seeds are removed from the pod or plant and set on paper towel to dry completely.

Store the seeds in a cool dry place. Small preserving jars are ideal. If you are not sure how dry the storage spot is, place a small amount of silica gel in the bottom of the jar. Be sure to close the jar tightly and include a note with variety and date of harvest.

The Haliburton County Public Library supports seed saving through its Haliburton Seed Library. Seeds from up to 60 varieties of vegetables, herbs and flowers are available free of charge at the Minden, Dysart and Wilberforce branches. An honour system is in place, and patrons are asked to add seed from their own garden at the end of the grow-



Small preserving jars are an ideal way to keep stored seeds dry and safe from mice and insects. /Photos submitted by Maureen Moore

ing season.
According to Hillary Montgomery, HCPL programming and outreach coordinator, “The two main benefits of local seed libraries are that they support food security by providing an affordable option for growing fresh food, and they promote biodiversity by helping locals grow a wider range of plants and produce.”

To learn more about seed saving and the seed library, attend the Seed Saving workshop at the Minden Hills branch on Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. Call (705) 457-1791 for more information or see www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca/event/seed-saving-free-workshop/.

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Answers on page 15

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The Rotary Club of Haliburton packed bags full of fresh fruit and vegetables for their Good Food Box initiative to be delivered throughout Haliburton County on Thursday, July 21 at the Dysart Fire Department. The club packs and delivers Good Food Boxes on the third Thursday of every month. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



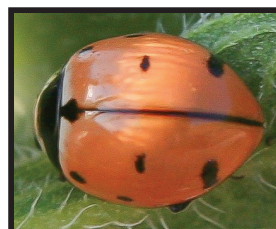
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On Saturday, Aug. 20, members of the Canning Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA) will gather at the Dominion Hotel in Minden to celebrate the Association's 60th anniversary. Folks will gather from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to enjoy buffet-style food stations (with vegetarian options), a celebration cake, water and pop. Included in the ticket price is a 60th anniversary mug sporting the Canning Lake logo.

Members have been able to purchase tickets online since July 9 and Anita Smith and her organization committee, which includes Warren Fick, Sharon Kaasalainen, Jan (Trollope) Rose and Nancy Chorley are very pleased with the response thus far. The committee has been planning this event for a year, riding the "wave" of ever-changing COVID-related health restrictions. Members have also had the opportunity to purchase Canning Lake hoodies and baseball caps celebrating the 60th anniversary.

To date, there are more than 230 active members of the CLPOA and this celebration will be a terrific opportunity for old friends to gather and new friends to meet.

If you would like to purchase tickets to attend this Canning Lake 60th Anniversary Celebration please contact Anita Smith at Anita.smith102@gmail.com.

Submitted by Jan Rose



**The 2012
Canning Lake Property Owners' Association
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The cover of the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association's annual directory recognizing the past 50th anniversary. /Submitted by Janice Rose

Fun facts about Canning Lake:

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- Some of the earliest deeds from the Crown date back to 1842.
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With a sense of relief that his pain has ended, the family of Ted announce his passing on August 4 at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. Ted Hill, in his 91st year, had recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his beloved wife Mary, along with family and friends at their home on Pigeon Lake outside of Bobcaygeon. In addition to Mary, Ted is survived by his three children and their families: Cathy Puffer (Mike) of Lindsay, Ted Hill (Nancy Burnham) of Ohio and Doug Hill (Nancy Risebrough) of Toronto. Proud Papa to James and Marin Puffer, Sarah, Nathan and Ryan Hill, and Spencer and Malcolm Hill. Brother of Sally Jones (Ron) of Oakville and the late Nancy Hill, and brother-in-law to Alan Lanktree (the late Maxine) of Orangeville. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews.

Ted was the son of Edward and Helen Hill of Toronto. Following graduation from Osgoode Hall Law School law school, he established a successful and longstanding legal practice in Lindsay in 1959. He and Mary raised their family in Lindsay and were active in the community throughout their years, as well as enjoying as much time as possible at their second home on Pigeon Lake. A generous and supportive member of the community, Ted served as a volunteer with numerous organizations throughout his life, including the Academy Theatre, Fleming College Board of Governors, the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, Children's Aid Society and Kawartha Region Conservation Authority. A lover of nature and the outdoors, he spent many happy years hunting, sailing, fishing, golfing, gardening, painting and travelling far and wide with Mary and friends. A celebration of Ted's life will take place at Cambridge Street United Church, Lindsay on Tuesday August 9 visitation to begin at 12:30 until time of the service at 2:00pm. A private burial will be held at Verulam Cemetery, Bobcaygeon. To honour Ted's memory, donations can be directed to the Kawartha Land Trust or the Fleming College Student Bursary Program.

Ted's family members wish to express their deep gratitude to Dr. Graham Loeb and Sherry Giltenan, as well as all medical staff and organizations that provided wonderful care for many years.

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Ontario anglers will pay fee in '87

Ontario will introduce a resident licence for sport fishing in 1987. Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio announced recently.

Mr. Kerrio said the licence will be required by most Ontario residents 18 to 64. Senior citizens and the disabled will be exempt as will Status Indians fishing on their reserve or treaty areas. The annual licence will cost \$10 while a short-term licence to fish for four consecutive days will cost \$5.

"In public meetings held across the province, and through angler surveys, we have received strong support for this licence," said Mr. Kerrio.

"People have indicated strong approval for plans to put funding equivalent to revenues generated from this licence - projected to be 9 to \$10 million a year - into fisheries improvement programs. This support indicates that the time is ripe to adopt the 'user-pay' principle in fisheries management."

"As a result of comments expressed in public meetings, we decided to exempt senior citizens from the licence and to incorporate the short-term licence for occasional anglers," Mr. Kerrio said.

The licence will be widely available through the Ministry of Natural Resources' network of private licence issuers, which includes sporting goods stores and tackle and bait shops. The network will be expanded as required to meet the demand for the licence. MNR district offices will also distribute the licences.

Mr. Kerrio said Ontario is among the last of the provinces to introduce a resident angling licence.

In January, Cabinet gave approval in principle to the proposed licence. Since then, the Ministry of Natural Resources has held more than 30 meetings across the province to hear public views.

(more on page 9)



An ATV riding white mouse has its nose tweaked by a young spectator at the annual Haliburton Rotary Carnival parade last Wednesday in the Village. The parade highlighted the festivities which included a midway and dance at the arena.

Bluegrass attracts enthusiastic crowd

With attendance numbering over 3,000, the Haliburton Bluegrass Festival last weekend was everything organizers hoped it would be.

"It was a busy weekend, everything was fantastic, and we're just thrilled to death," said organizer Gerry Irish. Likely, he commented, "there will be another festival next year." "It's just what we need to put Haliburton on the map."

Eight bands from across Canada and the United States took part in the event and the weather was fine throughout. The most popular groups were the Boys From Indiana on Saturday.

Also interesting, he said, was the gospel service scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. The groups performing the service included McDonald Bluegrass, Family Pride and the Boys From Indiana. "But they didn't stop playing at 12:30 p.m. when they were supposed to, because the crowd was so receptive. Instead, they just went right on until one in the afternoon. They were just tremendous."

The proceeds from the event will go toward paying the costs of the event and also to next year's festival, which, says Irish, is 99 per cent sure to go through.

This being Haliburton's first introduction to hillbilly

music, some of those who attended came out of curiosity.

"I've never been to a festival like this before," said a woman from the county who gave her name as Didi. "But I really like the music now."

Others like Glen, Bob and Earl Bird, came specifically to hear their favourite groups. Perched on a log at the edge of the amphitheatre, the three brothers said they found the music excellent. "It's what we like to hear," they said.

The Birds live in Harcourt and drove the 30 miles so they could spend the weekend at the festival.

Bill and Ruby Thompson drove for more than three and a half hours so they could listen to the bluegrass, but also for another reason: "We have two daughters who are taking part here." In fact, the daughters led a band - some say one of the best in the event - called the Cindy Thompson Show.

Some of those in charge of the concessions at the entrance to the amphitheatre also had opinions to express.

"This is my first experience of bluegrass music," said ice retailer Jerry Wilson. "And I'll tell you something - you hear one group, you've heard them all."

"I normally listen to military music - Blue Bonnets over the Border, Road to the Isles, that sort of thing - the bagpipes."

One of the biggest feats performed by concert organizers was the preparation of the site at Glebe Park. The land, 175 acres of rolling woods at the north western corner of Head Lake, was originally set aside for public recreation in 1967, but construction of the facilities was never started.

However in the last eight weeks, Haliburton Legion members (the group was in charge of the festival) have arranged for the carving out of roads, campsites and the natural amphitheatre on 25 acres of the park, all according to the 1967 plans. Eventually, it is hoped, the Legion will be able to finish the job by laying sod on some of the exposed earth.

Employers scramble to find staff during busy summer

The employment picture in the county is so good this year, there aren't enough people to fill all the jobs, says Haliburton Project Outreach manager Dennis Casey.

"We've had a shortage of labour all summer," Casey explains. "Since spring we've been running 100 to 130 jobs on the board and we've had an awful time filling them."

The biggest shortage of labour is in the construction and hospitality trades. "There are jobs on our

board that have been up for as long as a month," Casey says. "And the same goes for jobs for cooks and small motor mechanics."

Asked how the labour shortage is affecting PineStone Inn, manager Wayne McGilvary said, "It's worse this year than it has been in the quite a few years, and we do feel the crunch. We've had a number of work orders posted at Project Outreach, but the response has been poor."

"When our summer students go back to school in

the fall, we'll be looking for as many as ten new employees."

Wendy Hughes, manager of the Minden Dixie Lee, has much the same story to tell. "It's definitely better this year for job searchers than it has been in some time. I know of a lot of businesses that are looking for help and by September 1, so will we."

"It's not so much a lack of labour, as a lack of skilled people," Lou Dummitt, a foreman for Jim Johnston Construction said. "We've

got plenty of workers but we can always use another good skilled person."

Though county work seekers traditionally have a lot to choose from this time of year, the number of vacant jobs is particularly high now. (The labour shortage is usually most acute in May. According to records, Project Outreach posed 77 jobs in May of 1984. In 1985 they posted 82 jobs and this year that number went up again to

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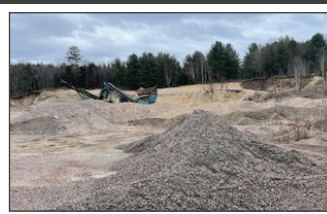
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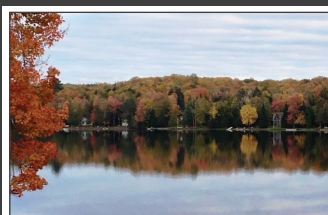
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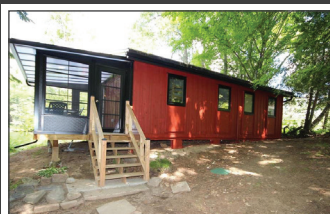
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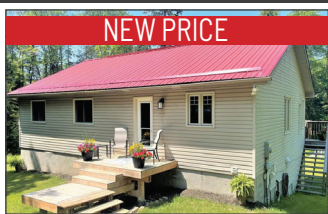
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